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The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On October 5, 1981 you signed a Bill which made RAOUL  
WALLENBERG an Honorary Citizen of the United States.

In April of this year, an estimated 50,000,000 Americans  
watched the NBC-TV min-series which dramatized Wallen-  
berg's rescue mission to Budapest, at the behest of the  
then President Franklin D. Roosevelt via Sweden.

There is now a huge public informed about Mr. Wallen-  
berg's accomplishments and his un-resolved-status as  
a Soviet prisoner for over 40 years.

Now that there is a new generation in power in the U.S.S.R.,  
made up of men who have had no previous connection with  
the decisions made over the years to continue holding this  
courageous man and to respond with silence or lies regard-  
ing queries from many concerned individuals, this may be  
the best time to urge the Soviet government to resolve the  
WALLENBERG CASE, either by freeing him, or by furnishing  
conclusive proof of his death to his family and the  
Swedish government, as well as to you Mr President who  
made him an Honorary Citizen.

This is to urge you to take up this matter with Mr.  
Gorbachev in November. Raoul Wallenberg, an American citi-  
zen merits this effort on the part of our government who  
financed his mission to Budapest in 1944/5 through the  
War Refugee Board.

Thank you, Mr President, for your ongoing interest in  
the Wallenberg case and in advance for your attention to  
this matter.

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Respectfully, *[Signature]*

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genuine heroes of World War II, and one of the war's most noble spirits." He suggested the U.N. Human Rights Commission's Working Group on Disappearances be authorized to "make a renewed search and a full report" on the case.

We continue to work closely with the Swedish Government to investigate reports alleging that Mr. Wallenberg might still be alive. Thus far, we have been unable to substantiate this information. Nevertheless, we will maintain a cooperative effort with the Swedish Government and other interested parties to seek information that will clarify the fate of this brave man.

On January 17, 1985, President Reagan issued a statement to mark the fortieth anniversary of Raoul Wallenberg's disappearance and to commemorate "his heroic deeds in saving thousands of Hungarian Jews." In his statement, the President said, "We will continue to insist that the Soviet Union has a moral obligation to answer, once and for all, the questions we have about his fate."

Sincerely,

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